

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 28, 2007
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, September 28, 2007, at the Library of Michigan, by Elaine Logan, Chair.

Attendance

Members Present: Representative Fran Amos, B. Denise Bartlett (via conference phone), Barbara Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Clifford Taylor), Linda Farynk, Elaine Logan, Charles Myers, Nancy Robertson, Nancy Skowronski, Michael Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola

Members Absent: Bill Anderson, Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Senator Tom George, Representative Aldo Vagnozzi

Staff Present: Elaine Harrison, Mark Hoffman, Sheryl Mase, Judith Moore, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary)

Visitors: Roger Ashley, Frank Boles, Gretchen Couraud, Randy Dykhuis, Jim Seidl

Agenda

The Board agreed to modify the agenda to accommodate Mark Hoffman's schedule. Mark will be presenting the budget report in place of Bill Anderson, who had a previously scheduled speaking engagement.

THE MOTION WAS MOVED BY BUS SPANIOLA AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL SMITH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Budget Report

Mark Hoffman spoke on the budget. In the event that no budget agreement is reached by midnight Sunday, virtually the entire dept would shut down.

Representative Fran Amos said that there is no out at this time besides a continuation budget and no continuation budget will be passed without a revenue increase.

There was some discussion on the status of the budget process. Sunday at 11:59 a.m. is the absolute final deadline. Setting budget targets is an important part of the process and has not been done.

**Minutes of
March 23, 2007
Meeting**

CHARLES MYERS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2007 BOARD MINUTES. MICHAEL SMITH SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Reports

**Board Chair's
Reports**

Elaine Logan mentioned that she is now employed at Eastern Michigan University, is glad to take a leadership role in academic libraries, and is happy to stay in Michigan.

**Board Members'
Reports**

On behalf of Wayne State University, Michael Smith thanked the Library of Michigan for their extension on the Virtual Motor City grant. They will be adding some newsreels from the 1920s and 1930s.

Nancy Skowronski reported that Detroit Public Library will be having a huge Darfur electronic exhibit. Detroit is also participating in the Big Read, a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) sponsored program. The book chosen is Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Saginaw Valley State University is planning on offering Great Michigan Read programs in late winter/early spring. They may host a bad Hemingway writing contest.

Eastern will also be participating in the Great Michigan Read program.

Charles Myers brought up a concern about state funding related to the wages of Kent District Library's hourly UAW workers. Another issue at Kent involves the outsourcing of shelf-ready materials vs. in-house processing.

**Legislator
Reports**

No further legislator reports were presented.

**State Librarian's
Report**

Nancy Robertson reported on the roof problems at the Library of Michigan. Nancy commended the efforts of our Dept. of Information Technology staff, HAL Administration, Mark Hoffman, Janet Laverty, Ed Willoughby and LM staff as we work through this.

Karren Reish coordinated a successful site visit with Laurie Brooks from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS offers LSTA funding. Karren did a great job preparing for her visit, which coincided with the evaluation of the last five-year plan and goal setting for the next five-year plan.

Of all the states' plans, Michigan was the only plan submitted without edit requests from IMLS. The plan is posted on our web pages. Laurie was impressed with how Michigan has used the LSTA funds and pleased with the future plan.

As part of the Great Michigan Read event, there will be a traveling Hemingway exhibit in the LM rotunda next spring.

The Michigan Reads program is in its final stages for this year.

Nancy will be presenting the State Librarians Excellence award for \$5,000 and two merit awards of \$1,000 each to libraries at the MLA Award luncheon meeting. The awards are sponsored by HantzGroup and Edward Surovell Realtors.

LM, the Michigan Department of Education and school librarians are working together to provide input on the federal SKILLS legislation. Congressman Ehlers from Grand Rapids cosponsored the national legislation. In other school library related matters, the larger work group is working with LM on getting the guidelines and benchmarks they have revised endorsed by other state and education agencies.

Due to the number of Michigan government documents currently available online, the Michigan Documents program has consolidated their depositories from 54 to 12. The program remains committed to ensuring Michigan residents have access to Michigan government documents. With the decrease in depositories, Michigan documents staff can focus their attention on digital archiving.

There are thirteen libraries that are part of the federal program for the blind and physically handicapped in Michigan. The Library of Michigan's Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) team is the lead library. One library, Northland, will be ceasing operation and LM SBPH staff will be taking over that service area. In the next year or two, SBPH will be reviewing and evaluating their program.

The Michigan Library Consortium is doing a fantastic job of adding more libraries to MeL. Sheryl Mase and her staff have been busy adding the selected databases to MeL. Sheryl is also reviewing applications for the MeL Coordinator position.

The move of the Law Library from the G. Mennen Williams building to the 3rd floor of the Library is complete. Law staff are happy to be in our building.

LM will have genealogy sessions during October's Family History Month. On Saturday, Detroit Public Library will kick off Family History Month with their second annual Family History Festival.

Nancy met with eighteen other people from across the state to discuss the future of state aid funding and cooperatives. Documents from the meeting will be posted online. The draft recommendations from the meeting will be a starting point for further discussion. It is our hope that

coops can be funded for FY08 while a sustainable, equitable consolidation plan is developed.

A question was asked about LM's contingency plans for LM operations in the event of a budget cut. Nancy responded that LM's most important resource is its staff and feels we may have other options to choose if we need to trim our budget.

LM Foundation Report

Judith Moore from the Library of Michigan Foundation reported on the Michigan Reads project. Copies of this year's book *Big Chickens* along with a programming guide and other materials was shipped to over 5,000 public libraries and schools across the state. The author participated in a tour to various libraries. The Governor declared September as Michigan Reads to Children month and she also recorded the *Big Chickens* book on tape for LM's SBPH program.

A committee of over a dozen people are reviewing the books for next year's Notable Books list. About 300-400 books are reviewed and the list is then narrowed down to 20. Early in 2008, Judith hopes to find out if there is an available date for another Notable Event at the Governor's residence. The keynote speaker for this year's Night for Notables will be Elmore Leonard. The author tour to over 50 libraries will be scheduled in April and May. The Foundation is in the process of renewing the sponsors.

On October 25, the "Check out a Museum at your Library" Museum Adventure Pass will be launched. People in six counties of Metro Detroit will be able to check out a 7-day pass for a family of four to attend one of 25 museums in the area. In order to use the Museum Adventure pass, people must have a library card at their participating library in the six county area. Macy's is the sponsor and the Library of Michigan Foundation is the lead agency. 162 libraries and 25 art, museum, and other cultural institutions are partnering for this program. The Cultural Alliance of Southeast Michigan coordinated the museum part of the program. Nancy Skowronski thanked Judith for all her work.

Partnership Reports Cooperatives

Jim Seidl, director of the Woodlands Library Cooperative, presented the Cooperatives report.

MLA

Gretchen Couraud, executive director of the Michigan Library Association, distributed her report.

Gretchen encouraged Board members to attend the MLA Annual Conference.

MLC

Randy Dykhuis referred to the MLC report that was included in the Board packet.

Seventeen libraries are expected to be added to MeL in the fall.

MAME

Roger Ashley, director of the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) distributed his report.

Board Discussion

Items

Election of

Officers/Bylaws

Review

Barbara Bonge and Michael Smith volunteered to be on the nominating committee for the election of officers. Barbara Bonge, Michael Smith, Elaine Logan and Nancy Robertson will review the language of the *Bylaws* Article V, Sec. 1 and Article VII, Section 1 relating to the meeting scheduled for election of officers. They will have a proposal ready for the December Board meeting.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

Board members were invited to tour the Law Library at their new location and to watch a CMU/Clarke Historical Library digitization project demonstration by Frank Boles.

An updated LM Board list was distributed.

A list outlining the various types of libraries in Michigan and how many of each type was distributed.

Lori Poznanski-Mason was welcomed as the new recording secretary for LM Board meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board is Friday, December 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the Lake Huron Room, 2nd floor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Elaine Logan, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian